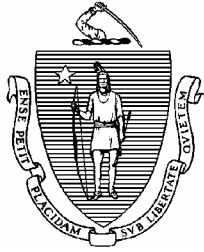


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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Subsection (7) of Section 2 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two sentences:— Prior to submitting a nomination to designate an area as an area of critical environmental concern, the person or persons leading the nomination, as listed in the pertinent regulations shall, at a minimum, hold one public information meeting at least 30 days prior to submitting the nomination. Notice of such a meeting shall be given through any means reasonably likely to inform a reasonable number of residents to be affected by the nomination.